

Upper Falls Greenway Trail Opportunity

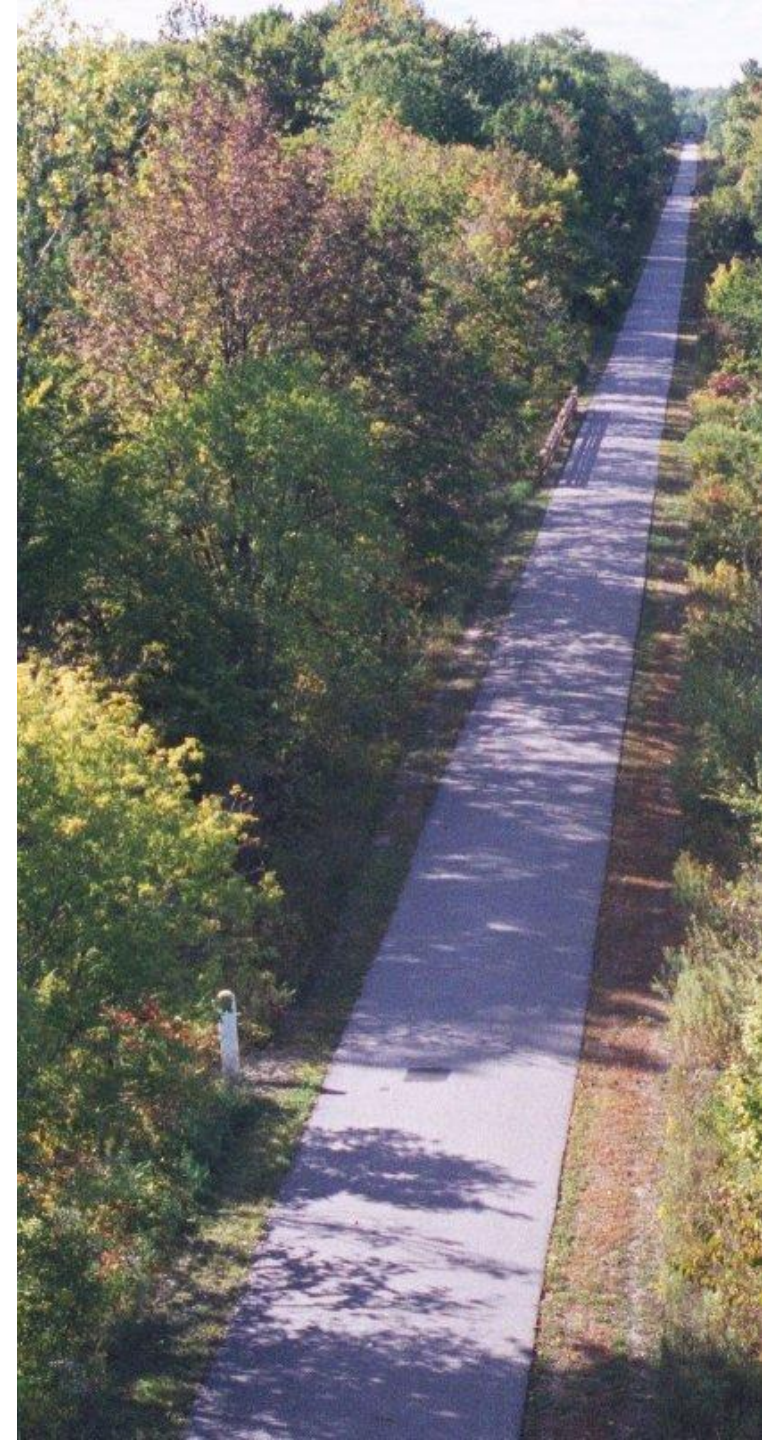
- What is a “Rail-Trail”?
- Trails in Newton and Massachusetts
- Upper Falls Greenway Trail Opportunities
- Rail-to-trail Conversion
- Impact of Trails on Communities
- Trail Benefits



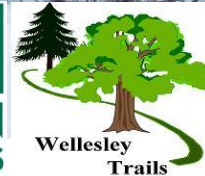
Greenway Trail Linear Park

- Conversion of inactive railroad rights-of-way into multi-use recreational paths (“rail-trails”).
- Trails offer a safe place for walking, jogging, bicycling, and cross-country skiing.
- Trails can now be converted quickly and very inexpensively.
- Greenway trails do not preclude additional future community uses.

Pere Marquette Rail-Trail, Midland, Michigan



Lower Falls – New Pedestrian Trail

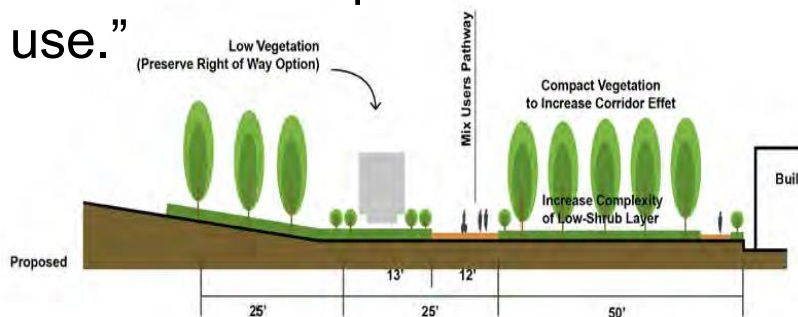


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Visioning Needham Street – MIT Study December 2010

“The abandoned rail right-of-way to the west of Needham Street should be converted to a recreational corridor, creating a path for wildlife, a connection to the Charles River and existing open spaces to the southwest and northeast, and contributing to a regional recreational network.

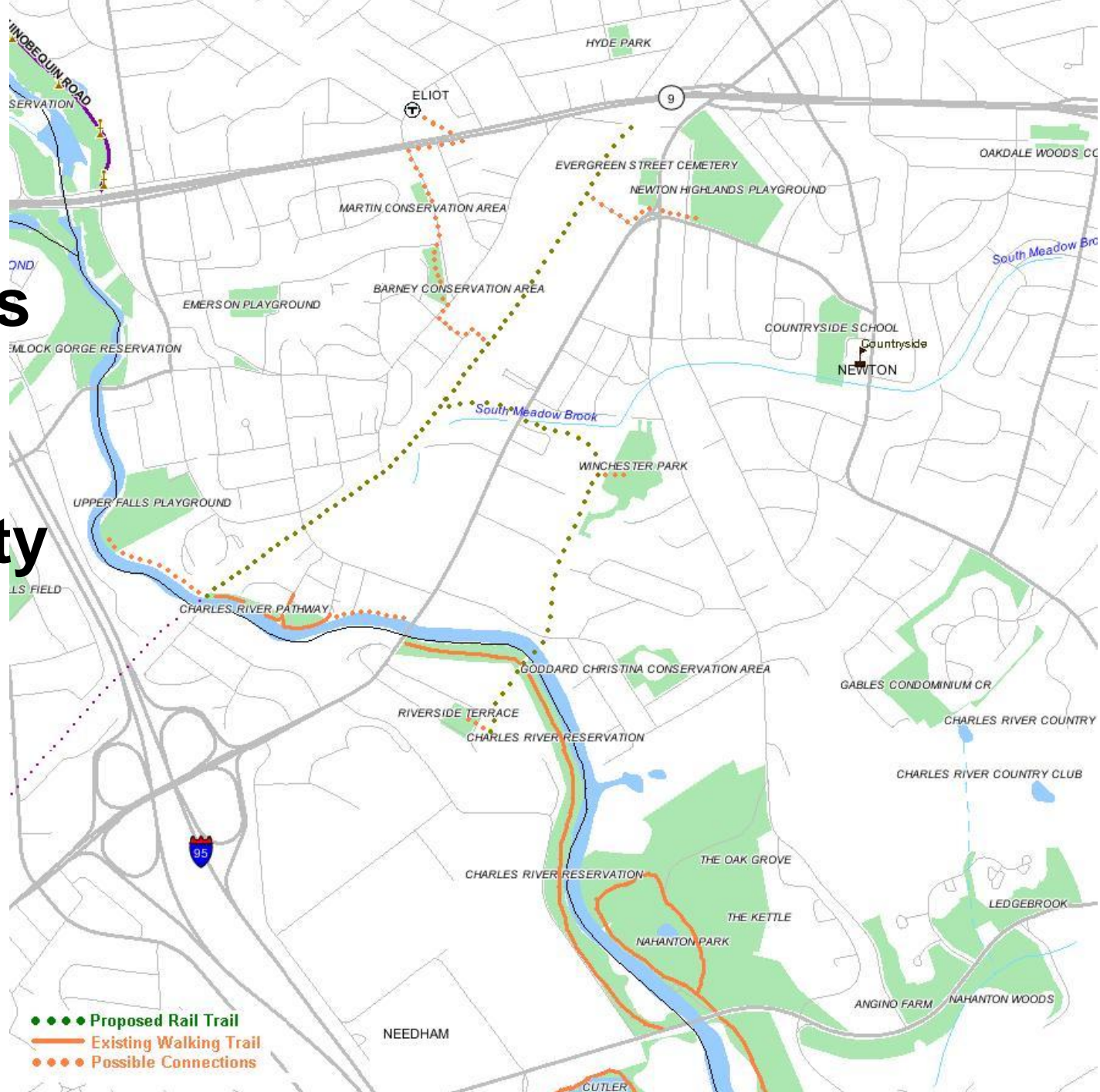
This plan recommends that any interventions along the corridor retain maximum flexibility for the long-term MBTA addition of a Green Line extension, while in the meantime encouraging the use of the corridor for pedestrian and bicycle use.”



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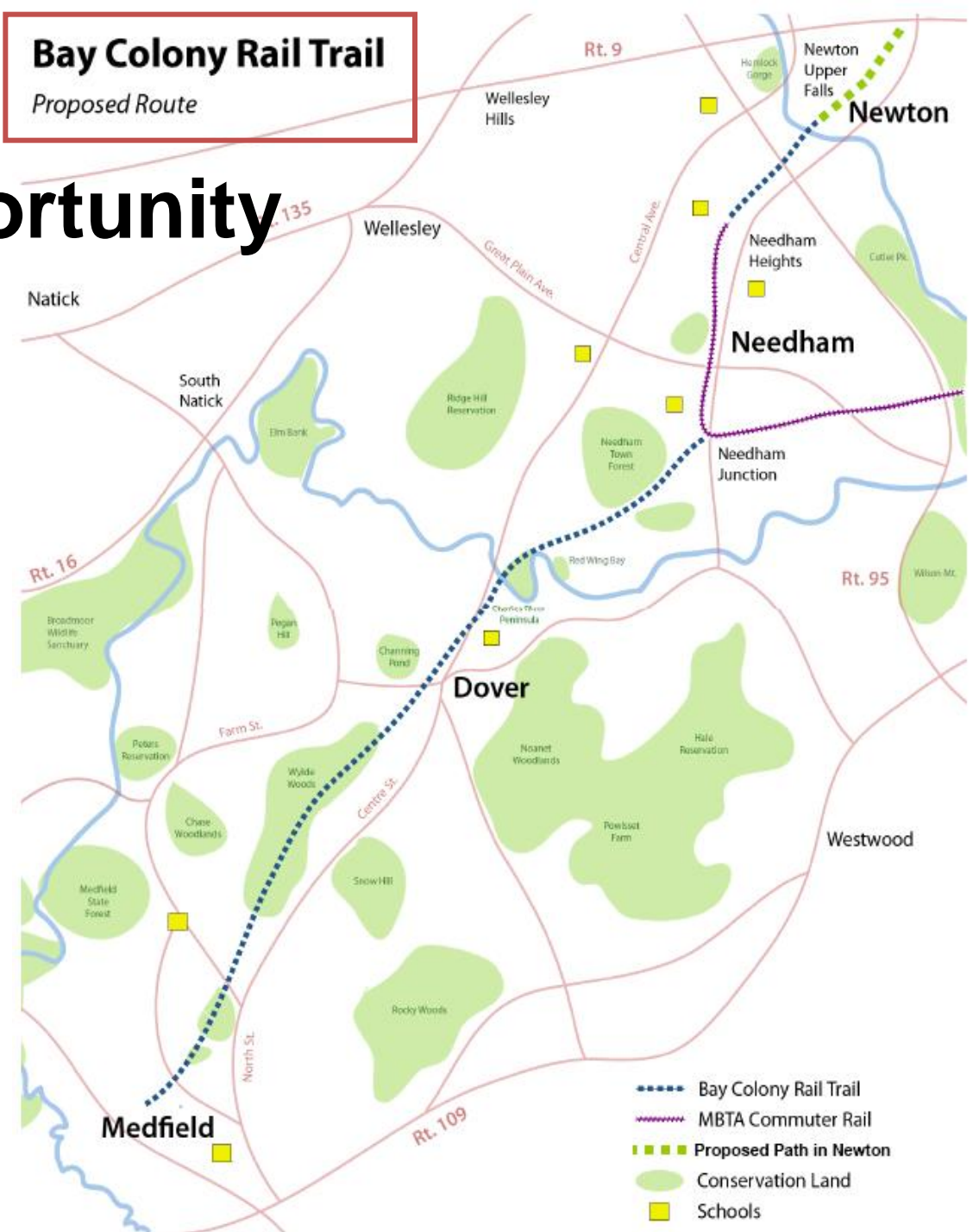
with Existing and Possible Connecting Trails

Connections thanks to Dan Brody!



Bay Colony Rail-Trail Opportunity

Bay Colony Rail Trail *Proposed Route*



- Newton: 1+ mile parallel to Needham Street.
- 1 mile to Needham Heights, further 1.2 miles active MBTA
- Needham: 2 miles from Needham Junction to the Charles River.
- Dover: 3.5 miles from the Charles River to Hunt Drive.
- Medfield: 1.5 miles to Harding Street.



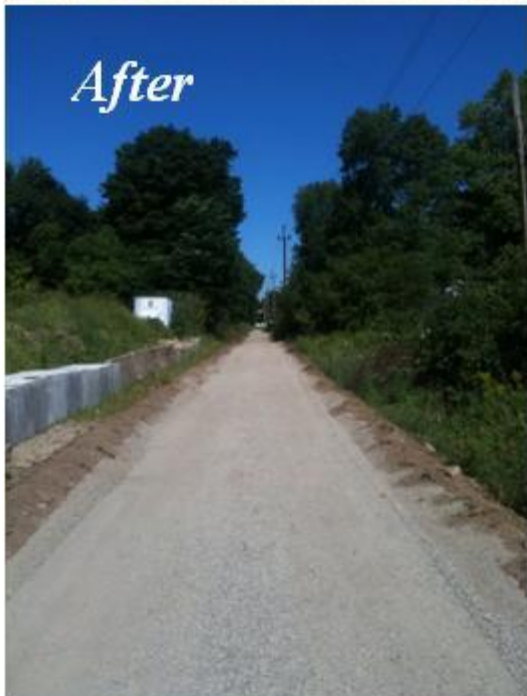
Bay Colony Rail Trail

Redwing Bay, Needham

Before



After



New Rail-to-Trail Conversion Method:

- **Free!!**
- **Iron Horse Preservation**
 - Non-profit conversion*
 - Based on scrap value of steel*
 - Federally approved safe disposal of ties*
 - Levelled and compacted crushed stone*
- **Mass. conversions in progress**
 - Watertown, Topsfield, Danvers, Everett, Rockland*
- **Heavy equipment already in-state**
 - Newton's 1+ mile otherwise not feasible*
- **One or two year process**
 - MA state funding takes much longer*



Popular Mass. Trails

- Minuteman Bikeway
Arlington-Bedford, 11 miles
- Cape Cod Rail Trail
Wellfleet-Dennis, 22 miles
- Nashua River Rail Trail
Ayer-Nashua, 12.3 miles
- Shining Sea Bikeway
Falmouth-Woods Hole, 10.7 miles
- Norwottuck Rail Trail
Northampton-Belchertown, 10 mi.
- Bruce Freeman Rail Trail
Chelmsford-Westford, 6.8 miles
- Assabet River Rail Trail
Marlborough-Acton, 5.6 miles

Positive Impact of Greenway Trails

As seen on CHRONICLE! Extraordinary value! W/ 3400+-sf & versatile 1st fl suite w/ sep. entrance, this Federalist Colonial blends period detail inc 9 FP and wide pine flrs w/tasteful updates in K and baths

WOW! Custom Built with 2,416 square feet! This spacious townhome is larger than most single family homes with a very open floor plan offering a spectacular kitchen with custom designed cabinets & gourmet island. Located near Arlington Center **with easy access to the Minuteman Bike Path**, Mass Avenue and Alewife Station. There are two magnificent master bedroom suites, 3 1/2 baths and 2 other spacious bedrooms. Built by a well known builder featuring quality craftsmanship and detailing.

Rarely available loft style corner unit...
creek. Set back from Mass. Ave...
renovated, with new gro...
Open & spacious...
through...
"Stanley Myers" contemporary stately situated on manic...
kind home features an updated...
Beautifully renovated kno...
Hardwood floors; Large balcony; & 79% own...
Capital Theater District, Arl Center,
Choose this lifestyle!
Easy access to public transportation

Location, Location, Location! Overlooking woods and serene babbling
permit '06) and bath (\$9,800 by permit). Wonderful transportation **and Minuteman Trail!** Fully
occupied in complex. On the 3rd floor in building with new marble floors, vanities, lighting, etc.
Minuteman Bike Path, and 1/2 mile to Alewife subway. Wonderful ceiling and character, great for entertaining. New oak floors
all 4 seasons.

Beautiful 2+ bedroom home on tree-lined street in South Arlington. Close to Arlington Center, Minuteman Bike Path & Alewife T station, this home features a study - perfect for 3rd bedroom. Renovated eat-in-kitchen & bathroom, w/ living/dining room w/ original hardwoods, trim and moldings throughout. Rear deck entertaining. 2 deeded parking, storage, washer/dryer.

Prime location! Spacious two family home convenient to Arlington Center, **the Minuteman path**, theatre, restaurants and the Alewife Red line T. The top, bi-level unit, is a 4 bedroom 2 bath with in-unit laundry and large family/sunroom with skylight and vaulted ceiling! Bright and sunny first floor is 5 rooms with 2 bedrooms, plus a study. Each unit offers a fireplace, formal dining and living area, hardwood floors and Garden and yard area and 2 car garage with driveway parking.

Greenway Trail Benefits:

- Health: more recreation, fitness, outdoor opportunity.
- Transportation / Livability: improved viable and safe routes for transportation .
- Environment: choosing to use active transportation reduces your carbon miles.
- Open Space Protection: Trails preserve and maintain community space.
- Community Identity: Trails create civic pride and engender neighborliness.

